

THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1888.

More About the Schools.

In another column will be found a communication on the subject of the Berkeley Schoolhouse, from Mr. Pich. We hope that it will be carefully read by all those interested in school matters. The CITIZEN has only one aim, and that is to secure a full and free discussion on all town affairs. The editorials heretofore written on the subject of greater school facilities in the Watessing-Berkeley-Fairview district were intended not only to place certain statistics before the people, but also to draw from them comments and criticisms, which would fully inform the public concerning all the facts. If we have editorially or otherwise misstated any of the facts, we shall be only too happy to afford space for corrections. If any of our opinions do not meet with approval we invite public expressions of all contrary views.

We have no doubt that the way of safety will be found through a multitude of counselors. Discussion, even though sharp, will lead to doing of the right thing at last. Some of our Fairview friends seem to think that THE CITIZEN is opposed to their having greater school facilities. Such, however, is not the case. In Bloomfield there can be but one opinion, namely: that every child should have fullest opportunity of attending the public schools. The question is not what, but how, or perhaps where. There is a limit to the multiplication of school buildings. Convenience must not be had at the expense of efficiency.

It is impossible for everyone to have a school, a church, a grocery store, a bakery or a blacksmith shop, next door, although on some accounts these things might be desirable. It is necessarily the misfortune of some to live at a distance from the doctors or the bakers, but the remedy is not in the indefinite multiplication of doctors and bakers.

We understand from the communication of Mr. Pich that the discussion at the Berkeley Schoolhouse led to just this sort of conclusion. When the matter was fully canvassed the sound judgment of the meeting could lead nowhere else. It is stated that at that meeting the accommodations of Berkeley Schoolhouse were insufficient for those desiring to enter (and is not, in our opinion, the erection of a school building at Watessing or Fairview, but either to relieve the Berkeley School by changing territorial lines or enlarging the building).

We do not think there is any need for alarm on the part of parents, for the Board of Trustees is fortunately composed of some of the best and wisest men in the town and it is impossible that they should not give a full hearing and then make a decision in accordance with sound judgment and the best interests of all concerned.

Let us hear from more of our citizens on this most important town topic.

A Surprise Party.

Last Saturday evening a large company, numbering about two hundred persons, friends of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. Ward, came together at their new and beautiful home on East Park Place, for the purpose of making a surprise visit. Mr. and Mrs. Ward were absent at the time, at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McGowan, the children of the former only being at home, they having been enlisted as necessary aids in the clandestine affair by which possession of the house was obtained, and other arrangements perfected. The guests, who composed a large majority of the heads of families and young people of the Old Church, arrived in family parties from eight o'clock up to nearly nine, by which time the spacious parlors and hall were filled by an animated assemblage. Mrs. H. W. Ballantine and Mrs. J. G. Broughton received the people as they arrived. Soon after nine o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Ward came to the door and found their house brilliantly lighted, and, completely to their surprise, pleasant faces awaiting them on every side. The situation was accepted most gracefully, and after the applause of welcome had subsided, Rev. Mr. Ballantine proceeded to make an address, in which he stated the cause of the gathering. It was the heartfelt wish of Mr. Ward's friends to show him and his wife their appreciation of his long and faithful services in the church, as Sunday School Superintendent, as chorister and instructor of singing, and lastly as organist, for so many years. The pastor's address closed with the presentation to Mr. Ward of a set of elegantly upholstered chairs, four in number, as a testimonial of esteem as well as a means of remembrance from his many friends.

Mr. Ward responded, warmly thanking his friends and assuring them, one and all, that he appreciated their kindness. An hour of very pleasant social interchange followed, during which cake and ice cream were served from a beautifully arranged table in the dining room. This agreeable part of the entertainment was presided over by Mrs. Robert Madison and Mrs. W. W. Wyman.

The event was not what is generally termed a "brilliant social affair," but it was nevertheless bright and notable in Bloomfield's annals, combining, as it did, the best qualities of a "surprise party" with the more sedate characteristics of a "church sociable."

Cardinal McCloskey's Investment in The Mutual.

Policy of Cardinal John McCloskey, No. 57,715, was issued by the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, January 30th, 1867. Amount of policy, \$10,000. Ten-year life plan. Original amt. of policy \$10,000. Dividend additions 5,762. Total paid by Company Jan. 1888 \$15,762. Amount of premiums paid Company by insured \$8,772. Paid by Company in excess of premiums received \$6,990.

President Eppler expects to be ready to run cars between Orange and the Glenwood avenue depot in Bloomfield, about the 10th of the month. According to the construction of the ordinance it is claimed that the road cannot be operated until the Town Committee have accepted it. It is stated that the D. L. & W. R. R. Company have not given consent to the crossing of their tracks yet, and that there are some important matters to be settled before they will, the maintenance of a flagman at the Glenwood avenue crossing being one of the points. It is asserted that if the Committee accept that portion of the road now about completed, the Company having obtained their main object, which is connection with Orange, they will consult their own pleasure about building the balance, or postpone it indefinitely.

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